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1. Only about 400 troops were quartered in the former Flak Kaserne on Luebschestrasse, Wismar (W 54/T 49), on 22 November 1949. Most of the troops from the kaserne were said to be on maneuvers.
2. About 100 soldiers were training with AT guns in the area behind the kaserne. Drivers were trained on four T-34 tanks.
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5. There were rumors that the kaserne would be vacated in early 1950 to furnish quarters for Soviet Zone German police.

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**Comment:**

a. The 283th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 199th Gds Arty Regt, both belonging to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, are stationed in Wismar.

b. In general, the maneuvers in the Soviet Zone of Germany and Austria were completed by early November 1949. The report, however, indicates that most of the Wismar units were still on maneuvers. On 22 November 1949, similar information was received from Ludwigslust for the same period of time.\* As no exact information is available on troops returning to Wismar and Ludwigslust upon completion of the Third Shock Army fall maneuvers, the absence from the military posts of the units in late November 1949 may be explained as follows:

(1) Component units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps may have held

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field exercises in western Mecklenburg up to December 1949 in succession to the Third Shock Army fall maneuvers, or

(2) the Wismar and Ludwigslust units may have again left their military posts for maneuvers in November 1949.

Further information is required for an analysis of the situation since no similar observations have been reported from other parts of the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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